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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT FORD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 12123

1. PROTOCOL CHIEF UCHIDA CALLED AMBASSADOR TO FONOFF OCT 8
TO OFFER FOLLOWING SUGGESTED REFINEMENTS IN TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE OUTLINED REFTEL.

ARRIVAL CEREMONEY

2. GOJ SUGGESTS GREETING BY EMPEROR AND PRIME MINISTER
TAKE PLACE AT AKASAKA PALACE RATHER THAN HANEDA AIRPORT.
THEY BELIEVE PALACE SETTING MORE DIGNIFIED THAN CROWDED,
HECTIC AIRPORT, AND WOULD LIKE TO CUT DOWN NUMBER OF TIMES
TRAFFIC WOULD NEED TO BE HALTED ON BUSY ROAD NETWORK
CONNECTING AIRPORT WITH DOWNTOWN AREA. SUGGESTED
CHANGE WOULD DELAY WELCOME CEREMONY FOR ONE HOUR.
BECAUSE OF EARLY DARKNESS, GOJ HOPES PRESIDENTIAL
PLANE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE HANEDA 3 P.M. RATHER
THAN 4 P.M. GOJ INVISAGES HONOR GUARD, 21-GUN SALUTE,
AND GREETING BY HIGH OFFICIAL AT AIRPORT JUST AFTER
PLANE TOUCHES DOWN.

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DEPARTURE CEREMONEY

3. GOJ SUGGESTS THAT FAREWELL BY EMPEROR AND PRIME MINISTER OCCUR MORNING OF NOVEMBER 21 AT AKASAKA PALACE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FOR KYOTO. THIS WOULD OBVIATE STOP AT TOKYO NOVEMBER 22 FOR DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, ENABLING PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TO LEAVE DIRECTLY FOR SEOUL FROM OSAKA.

SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER

4. GOJ WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND EACH SESSION WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA BY ONE-HALF HOUR, MAKING EACH MEETING 2 1/2 HOURS LONG. TALKS CAN OCCUR EITHER AT PALACE OR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

5. GOJ SUGGESTS BUNRAKU PUPPET DRAMA. TIME SUGGESTED WOULD COINCIDE WITH ATTENDANCE BY TWO TO THREE HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN SELECTED NATIONWIDE.

RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

6. GOJ SUGGESTS RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, JAPAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, ETC.) TO LAST FOR ONE HOUR BETWEEN 17:00 AND 18:00 NOVEMBER 20.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

8. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD, GOJ SUGGESTS DRESS FOR BANQUET BE DARK SUIT.

9. AMBASSADOR THANKED UCHIDA FOR HIS THOUGHTFUL PROPOSALS. HE WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON ALL SUGGESTIONS SAYING THAT DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY. HE DESCRIBED NEGATIVE USG VIEW TOWARDS PROPOSED RECEPTION FOR HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. UCHIDA SAID GOJ AGREED AND WOULD TAKE MATTER UP WITH IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.
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